Special DAC E-Mail

The media release below, dated Friday, January 18, from the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), announces the launch of the School Report Card website and may be of interest to District Assessment Coordinators (DACs).

KDE LAUNCHES SCHOOL REPORT CARD WEBSITE
(FRANKFORT, KY) – The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), in partnership with BrightBytes, today launched the Kentucky School Report Card, the fourth component in its School Report Card Suite. The online tool includes data metrics and visualizations to highlight key information about schools and districts. This includes school demographics, test performance, teacher qualifications, student safety, parental involvement and more. All components of the School Report Card Suite are now live at raisethebar.education.ky.gov.

The suite also includes the previously released Kentucky School Proficiency Dashboard, a web-based tool that compares proficiency levels of Kentucky schools and districts; KDE's Open House website, which provides access to supplemental school and district data; and the Infinite Campus portal, a parent-friendly portal where parents can find information on their children via a smartphone mobile app.
Under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), each state in the U.S. was required to create an online school report card as part of its statewide accountability system.

No new assessment data is part of the release. The data is the same 2017-2018 school year data released in the fall of 2018, however the School Report Card provides interactive illustrations, charts and graphs, to help parents better be able to visualize the data and what it means for their child's school.

"We are working hard to ensure that Kentucky parents and educators have great tools available to see and understand the performance of our schools," said Kentucky Education Commissioner Wayne Lewis. "We are excited to offer this suite that will help everyone from parents to policy makers determine their school and district's strengths, weaknesses and needs."

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